

South King County Projects Update

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South King County traffic closures this week

For more information visit our construction update report.

Interstate 5

Monday through Thursday nights from the Pierce County line to S. 320th:

- We'll close the three left lanes of northbound I-5 from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. for pavement improvement work.
- We'll close the left lane of southbound I-5 from 8 p.m. to 11 a.m. for paving, weather permitting.

State Route 161

 Monday through Friday we'll close the right lane of southbound SR 161 between Military Road and Milton Way from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for miscellaneous work.

Work in high gear on I-5 widening project in Federal Way

Now that we're experiencing some relatively good spring weather, crews have kicked into high gear on the <u>I-5 widening project</u> in Federal Way. Last Friday we poured concrete for the additional width of deck on the northbound I-5 bridge over S. 336th Street. Also last week we finished cutting slots in the pavement on one northbound I-5 lane for pavement improvements (see "What is dowel bar retrofit?" in our <u>March 28 update</u>).

Crews continue other various activities throughout the project, including placing crushed rock and paving in the median, installing steel for barrier and widening bridges, grinding northbound I-5 pavement to a texture that helps tires grip the road, and installing electrical systems. We'll be working on this project all this year and into the next, and we plan to open segments of the new lanes to traffic as we finish them. This project is funded primarily by the 2003 gas tax (Nickel funding).

A transit facility near you

Spring is a great time to turn over a new leaf with your commute. Under that leaf you may find more time, relaxation, and even <u>money</u>. Want to try sharing the ride in a bus, carpool, vanpool or train, but don't know where to start?

Sound Transit has just introduced a new Web page about their <u>transit centers</u>, <u>park-and-ride facilities</u>, <u>and train and light rail stations</u>. This page helps you locate these facilities and provides information about each facility's service, number of parking spaces, bicycle lockers, restrooms and more.

You can also visit King County Metro's Web page to find information about their park-and-rides in <u>south King County</u>, the <u>south east side</u>, and elsewhere. WSDOT has a Web page that provides information about <u>park-and-ride lots</u> all over Washington, sorted by county. Or check out <u>RideshareOnline</u> for specialized help in finding commuting partners.

Still not convinced to give it a try? Read more about what's in it for you.

Highway advisory radio updates

Tune your radio to 1520 AM to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail <u>Laura Johnson</u>.

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